

Metro Vancouver Transit Police
Chief's Community Council Meeting
February 16, 2021
VIDEOCONFERENCE

Attendees:

Karen Reid-Sidhu, Chair	Chief Officer Dave Jones
Larry Hayes, Co-Chair	Deputy Chief Officer Barry Kross
Cynthia Minh	Deputy Chief Officer Mike Cumberworth
Dave MacDonald	Superintendent Anita Furlan
Diane Gillis	Taryn Barton
Donna Dickison	Stephen Crosby
Kimberly Wood	
Maxine Wilson	
Sana Aziz	
Sherman Chan	
Valerie Clements	

Guests: ASL Interpreters – Brenda Erlandson and Lisz Keallen

Regrets: Helene Love

1. Call Meeting to Order - Chair

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and acknowledged that the Metro Vancouver Transit Police ('MVTP') operate throughout the traditional territories of the Lower Mainland Coast Salish peoples and gave thanks for their hospitality on these lands.

2. Review: Approval of Agenda/Minutes – Chair

- **Approval of the Agenda:** Moved/Seconded, all in favour – **Approved**
- **Timekeeper** – Diane Gillis
- **Approval of the November 17, 2020 Minutes:** Moved/Seconded, all in favour – **Approved**

3. Chief's Update

Chief Jones thanked everyone for continuing to attend the TPCCC meetings by videoconference and provided an update on the following:

COVID 19

- Mask enforcement on public transit – if there are any issues with how it is being addressed, please let Chief or Deputies know
- No known issues of transmission on transit

- Copper wrap pilot program being tested on select busses has been positive and will be expanded
- Vaccination schedule for police is the same as the general public, according to age

Strategic Plan Update

- Work has resumed and progress is being made on the new plan
- Will be looking for feedback and will provide more details when available

Service Delivery Model Update

- Will be part of the new Strategic Plan
- Reviewing deployment to better serve the wide breadth of community partners

4. Police Board Liaison - Chief

Chief Jones advised that the Police Board would like to have a Board Member attend the TPCCC meetings as a liaison. The Chief also noted that if any of the TPCCC are interested in presenting at a Police Board meeting, to let Taryn know.

5. Presentation: Alzheimer Society of B.C. – Sana Aziz

Sana shared a PowerPoint presentation on screen titled ‘Dementia-Friendly Communities Initiative – The Alzheimer’s Society of BC’. Sana outlined what a dementia-friendly community is and provided statistics on how many people are living with dementia. The goal is to grow the community of care and bring more people into the dementia-friendly movement, including local governments and community groups. Sana outlined the approach, including the First Link program, education and training that can be customized to be sector specific. If any of the TPCCC would like a presentation, please let Sana know.

The TPCCC discussed the Alzheimer Society’s work and shared comments. There was discussion on the importance of awareness, education and communication. Sana answered questions from the TPCCC and provided more information. The Chair thanked Sana for the informative presentation.

6. Communications Update – Stephen Crosby

A joint video with MVTP and IRAYL has been completed. There are two versions of the video. One is a longer version to be used for training purposes for MVTP to inform them of the services that IRAYL provides. The other is a shortened version that will be shared with the TPCCC today. Stephen thanked Val and advised that the short video would be available on social media at some point. Stephen shared the video on his screen.

Other communication updates included:

- See Something Say Something Campaign – annual campaign and the texting service continues to receive high volume of texts
- Anti Sexual Offending Campaign – seasonal messaging to go up in summer

The Chair shared some details about the well received Pedestrian Campaign her organization was involved with in partnership with Surrey Vision Zero, RCMP and ICBC. The MVTP Neighbourhood Police Officer ('NPO') was in attendance and the TPCCC was encouraged to keep MVTP informed of any initiatives or campaigns in their communities.

Stephen answered a question about video partnerships and funding and advised that video work is done by the internal communications team. If there is interest or an opportunity to put together a video or communication message, the TPCCC was asked to let Stephen know.

7. Membership Update – Diane Gillis

Diane thanked those that have brought forward alternates. Diane also reminded the TPCCC to share minutes and materials with their alternates to ensure they are well versed and prepared. The TPCCC may have up to 15 members so there is still an opportunity to add a couple more members.

8. Roundtable

Members went around the table to provide an update on current initiatives in their communities:

Larry – attended an online meeting last week for the districts Safe and Caring School team with MVTP NPO Cst. Teitelbaum. Thanks to Cst. Teitelbaum for his proactive approach and commitment to keeping students safe on transit.

Kimberly – things remain status quo, nothing further to report since the last meeting. As mentioned earlier, the politically correct term is deaf or hard of hearing, not hearing impaired.

Sherman – MOSAIC will be celebrating it's 45th anniversary this year and with COVID restrictions, celebrations will be online. Many seniors are isolated at home and work is ongoing to get them digital access and provide support. Working to obtain funding from various corporations to provide support, food and technology access.

Donna – nothing new to report at this time.

Sana – Minds in Motion program has been moved online. Webinars, services and support groups continue to operate virtually and staff continue to work from home.

Val – Thanked Stephen for the video with IRAYL. Teams are still not on the trains but are driving to the areas where services are provided. Thanked Sana for the presentation and will connect offline to discuss potential training for the team.

Cynthia – Thanked the TPCCC for welcoming her during Justina’s leave. Heading into tax season so will be offering assistance to help with disability benefits. Advocacy continues for adding washrooms to transit stations.

Dave – Continue to operate on a hybrid model. Working a lot with youth. Lots of new initiatives around transit in Richmond and ensuing public and temporary housing is close to transit.

Diane – Call this morning regarding activity around Metrotown area. Compliments to NPO Cst. Teitelbaum and his work. Advocating for better mental health and addictions supports. Contacting local government or member of parliament for issues with criminal courts.

Maxine – Involved with a small task force to build inclusion and diversity in the workplace. School system continues to see children with anxiety issues. Need to start building a community that supports each other. Spoke about a past initiative to build a long house and suggested other efforts to build community.

Karen – Surrey Crime Prevention is growing with respect to volunteers and interest from various agencies working with vulnerable youth. Supporting MVTP has provided great opportunities for the volunteers and gives a sense of civic pride. May reach out to Stephen for a video in collaboration with Val’s group. Encouraged everyone to share content with Stephen that can be promoted or highlighted on social media.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

10. Closure

The Chair thanked everyone for attending. There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 6:28 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Karen Reid-Sidhu, Chair

Taryn Barton, Recording Secretary